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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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Patent Utility Patent Design Provisional Patent
 Applicant(s) Patente(s) SAULCK
 Serial No./Patent No. 09/980444
 Filed/Issued NOVEMBER 14, 2001
 Title CLOSURE DEVICE
 Transmittal(s) (Pages 4) Assignment
 Specifications/Application (Pages 56)
 11 Sheets Informal Drawings Certificate of Mailing
 Declaration/Power of Attorney 37 CFR 1.8A 37 CFR 1.10
 Other PCT Request, Copy of PCT Search, Information Disclosure Statement
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US99/13216

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) :A44B 19/16

US CL :24/30.5R

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 24/30.5R, 399, 400, 576, 587, 430; 383/63-65

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,896,627 A (CAPPEL et al.) 27 April 1999 (27/04/1999), see figures 3 and 6.	1-77
A	US 5,448,808 A (GROSS) 12 September 1995 (12/09/1995), see figures 1-3.	1-77
A	US 5,063,644 A (HERRINGTON) 12 November 1991 (12/11/1991), see figures 1-3.	1-77

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance		
"E" earlier document published on or after the international filing date	"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 179894	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US99/13216	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 June 1999 (10.06.1999)	Priority date (day/month/year) None
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): A44B 19/16 and US Cl.: 24/30.5R		
Applicant THE GLAD PRODUCTS COMPANY		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

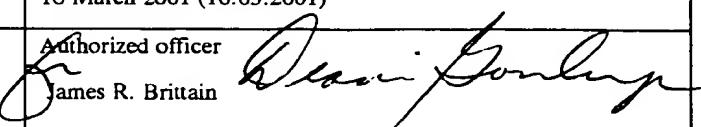
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 9 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 13 December 2000 (13.12.2000)	Date of completion of this report 16 March 2001 (16.03.2001)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/13216

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed. the description:

pages 1-40 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:

pages 41-55, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the drawings:

pages 1-11, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-77</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-77</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-77</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-77 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a slider structure to facilitate the occlusion of interlocking fastener strips including a door portion hingedly attached to the main body portion with the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body is installed upon the fastening strips.